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August 26

October 21 October 28

ovember 4.

November 11.

Average number of British mer-chant ships sunk weekly.....23.12 Average number over 1,600 tons

Past Week's Record Shows

Enemy Submarine Still

Active.

past week, according to the Admiralty

The losses to British shipping by mine or submarine the previous week com-prised fourteen merchantmen of 1,600

GERMAN CRUISER IS SUNK.

German mine off that coast

fusing to give any information.

which was captured by the Germans.

Botnia was formerly a Russian vessel,

DYNAMITE BESIDE AQUEDUCT.

National Guardamen.

Special Desputch to THE SUN.

perintendent of Highways, Harry S. Bogardus, and is stored with the coun-

ty's supply of explosives.

Wrecking of the aqueduct would have

tral tracks, the main artery of traffic between the Central States and Atlantic

WILSONS GO XMAS SHOPPING.

Crowded Streets.

and Mrs. Wilson went Christmas shop-

ping this afternoon.

They walked through the crowded

streets of the downtown business section for nearly two hours and stopped in various shops.

BY TAKING A CHANCE

Buys 50 Cent Ticket on Type-

writer at Hero Land.

John D. Rockefeller III. is taking no chances on his grandfather's genius for

chance of another kind which he took

Young John visited Hero Land yes-

terday and his first demand was to see the British tank in action. On the way down the aisle, however, he saw a \$50

typewriter that was being raffled off at 50 cents per share. This possibility of a large return on a small investment stirred the Rockefeller blood in his veins

and he insisted on pausing to buy

the Red Cross nurse's uniform.

his name.

share of Mrs. Ellison Adams, who presided at that booth. He knitted his

small brows pensively as she wrote down

acculring wealth, as is indicated by

JOHN D. III. BEGINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- The President

President and Wife Walk

Sticks Found at Orrville by

were sunk.

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ONE CENT In Greater New York | Elsewhere

UNIFIED RAILWAYS AS A WAR MEASURE URGED BY I. C. C.

Unit Operation by Roads or 'LID' STAYS ON, Control by Government the Alternatives.

SAFEGUARDSUGGESTED

Just and Reasonable Rates Sufficient to Yield Fair Returns Needed.

M'CHORD MAKES DISSENT

In Supplementary Report He Says Management by President at Once Is Essential.

Special Despatch to Tan Sun.
Washington, Dec. 5.—The railroad section has thrust itself forward as one the biggest domestic problems before the President and Congress as a result of a special report made to-day to Congress by the Interstate Commerce Comn covering the railroad war situa-

This report, which came more or less n the nature of a surprise, though be-lieved now to have been foreshadowed by the President's reference to the rail-roads, yesterday appeared at first glance to be a blow at the railroads in that it placed as one alternative their taking over by the Government and their oper-ation under Government officials for the

duration of the war.

But careful reading of the report by officials has brought the view that the commission had actually come to the railroads assistance and that under either of the two plans proposed for their future management providing this were closely adhered to in whatever leg-

were closely adhered to in whatever legislation is passed they would be much better off than they are at present. The regsons for this favorable view were:
FIRST, that the I, C. C. for the first time in the report filed to-day committed itself definitely to the principle long contended for by the railroads that they should have "just and reasonable" rates sufficient to yield fair returns upon the value—not the cost returns upon the value-not the cost of the property, after all necessary expenditures had been made and depre-

SECOND, that in the alternative plan suggested for the operation of the reads by the President instead of by he railroad managers, the commiss pronounced Heelf in favor of a "suit-ble guarantee" to each carrier of an adequate annual return for the use of the property by the Government, in addition to its upkeep and mainte-nance and Government loans to pro-vide for improvements and better-

Government Control Favored.

The opinion was expressed by some railroad executives to-night that, all things being considered, the railroads would be inclined to favor the plan for clovernment control during the war, providing they could be assured that Congress would follow the suggestion of the commission and insure them such a guarantee. Decision in the rate case is jet to be handed down.

What the commission to-day did was come out in favor of the unification the railroads as a war measure and o present two plans as the only way which such unification could be ef-

All of the members of the commission with the single exception of Commisvo plans without expressing a prefer-

In what is virtually a dissenting opinion Mr. McChord after taking the railroad war board and other commissilroad war board and other commis-sions of the railroads themselves to task comes out squarely for Government ontrol at once as the only solution of the present railroad war problem, though he too insists that the carrier bould be assured a fair return. While the Interstate Commerce Com-

mission has by its action to-day passed up the pressing problem of the rail-roads to Congress, Congress proposes to pass it along to the President. With all handing ominously not far away it will be for the President to determine which of these two plans shall be executed.

English Plan Well Liked.

Railroad officials believe that if the English plan were followed, and they think the commission had this in mind. the holders of railroad securities would not suffer at all under the plan of Government control. This plan would be to unarantee the earnings either on the hasis of the year previous to the war or he average of the three pre-war years; enator Newlands, chairman of the

joint commission, is inclined to favor.
the plan of allowing the railroads to
run themselves and suspending the ati-pooling laws. He is in favor of he largest measures of Government aid in the forms of loans and declared

presentative Sims, who is slated to head the Interstate Commerce Commit-tee in the House, expressed himself as being in favor of the Government operation plan, although declaring that the President's wishes would be fol-

Representative Each (Wis.) said: "It seems to me that if the suggestions of the I. C. C. for setting aside certain provisions of the anti-trust laws and the anti-pooling laws are compiled with and financial aid given the roads by the Federal Government the railroads will be able full to the control of the

Supplements Annual Summary Transportation.

ASHINOTON, Dec. 5.—The report of Interstate Commerce Commission to To the Senate and House of Represen

The act to regulate commerce re-

HYLAN WARNS

Confers With Swann on Plans HOLD to Combat Gambling and Vice.

WHITE WAY ASTOUNDED

New Mayor Also Indicates He Will Enforce 1 o'Clock Closing Rule.

direct warning on gamblers and "disorderly persons" last evening that when he assumes office on the first of January there will be no lifting of the "lid," but on the contrary the Mayor and the District 'Attorney's office will cooperate to prosecute "ceaselessly and relentlessly"

on the contrary the Mayor and the District Attorney's office will cooperate to prosecute "ceaselessly and relentlessly" and so Moon Sound. The enemy delegates submitted a project for an armistice from the Baltic to the Back Sea, which, in view of their evasive replies to the Russian proposals, the Russian delegates submitted to the Russian military experts. gambling and "commercialized vice." League, 50 East Forty-second street, following a long conference with District Attorney Swann on ways and city and to evolve a practical method of the duration of the armistice. Ulti-

District Attorney. Not only is gambling and other forms of vice to be watched closer than ever. according to the District Attorney and Judge Hylan, but the excise law is to be enforced, which means that the 1 o'clock closing law put into effect by Mayor Mitchel will be continued.

White Way Is All Upset.

The news of Judge Hylan's attitude spread consternation along the White Way last night. It has been no secret that since the election of the Tammany candidates gambiers and other interests candidates gamblers and other interests in the uptown section which thrive on an "open town" have been making great preparations to resume business at the "old stand" after January 1. In fact, this impression has become so strong and so public that it was one of the reasons that brought about the conference yesterday between Mr. Swann and Judge Hylan. Their statement said "District Attorney Swann and Mayorelect Hylan to-day discussed ways and means of attacking vice conditions in the city and for the purpose of forms abouts of the signers scemingly is not

permitted to open up after January the radicals 1. Commercialized vice and gambling will be prosecuted ceaselessly and relentlessly. There will be no wide open city. The Police Commissioner will be held strictly accountable by Mayor-elect Hylan for the rigid enforcement of the TOLERANT OF RADICALS.

While the plan being worked out by Mr. Swann and Judge Hylan has not been completed. Judge Hylan looks with favor on the suggestion by Mr. Swann that from six to twelve detectives be assigned to the District Attorney's office, to be at the disposal of the District Attorney to run down and investigate gambling and other forms of vice.

May Register Known Criminals.

In adding it is probable that a registration will be made of all known criminals, gamblers and resert keepers and the like, for the purpose of keeping them under strict surveillance so far as pos-

District Attorney Swann informed Judge Hylan of the widespread talk about town that everything is to open up after January 1. He told him of up after January 1. He told him of the action of the two officers a certain "tip" he had received that alview of circumstances, was ready a group of well known gamblers structions from Washington. were forming an exclusive "club," the initiation fee of which was to be \$500. initiation ree or which was to be sout, with only "reliable" parties permitted to enter. Mr. Swann stated that he had investigated this report and found that a well known gambler is behind the pro-

time ago," said Mr. Swann. "The club has not been opened and we can't as-sume a violation of the law until it takes place, but we are going after real gam-bling houses no matter which guise they

The District Attorney also made it plain that he was "going after" certain theatrical performances, some of which are given at "clubs." He said that s few nights ago he witnessed a so-called theatrical performance just off Broadway, starting at 9 o'clock and ending at 12, at which a dosen or more women danced practically nude.

In line with the future policy of the

new administration, there was a report current in Democratic circles last night that Judge Hylan, at the suggestion of some of the Tammany leaders, is seriously considering appointing as Police Commissioner one of the present nembers of the uniformed force. The ame of Chief Inspector Dillon was sentioned, as were those of several

Judge Hylan said last night he would not permit promiscuous wiretapping during his administration. When asked if
he approved of this method he said:
"It will not be permitted under any
circumstances except to detect crime and
only upon the approval of some judicial
officer and the District Attorney of the
county. Any one permitting wiretapping REPORT OF COMMISSION. county. Any one permitting wiretapping will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

Would Ald Women Wedding Allens

GERMANS EVADE RUSS DEMANDS. GAIN 28 DAYS

Refuse to Keep Troops Released by Armistice From Other Fronts.

ISLANDS TAKEN

Russians Ask That Next Meeting Be on Their Soil After Seven Days.

LONDON, Dec. 5 .- A Russian official communication dealing with the armistice negotiations received here by wireless says:

"The enemy delegates replied evasively to the two initial Russian pro-Mayor-elect John F. Hylan served a posals, but promised to consult their Governments concerning them. The Russians proposed as the principal points of an armistice that the should not undertake to send should not undertake to send forces from the Russian front to the fronts of

Russian military experts.

28 Days Agreed Upon.

operation between the Mayor and the mately twenty-eight days were agreed upon, which may be automatically pro-longed. The Russians requested that the next meeting be on Russian terri-

tory after a lapse of seven days."
Diplomats and students of interna-tional affairs profess to see much en-couragement in a despatch from the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post, who plainly states his belief that Russia is not out of the war and by next spring will be putting fresh armies into

At the same time he characterises the situation as "extremely curious" and says "some force which is above or beyond the contending parties is putting spokes into the wheels of all of them."

The correspondent says it is not advisable to attempt to explain at this visable to attempt to explain at this statement to-night. One vessel under of time, but asserts Russia will right herbelf if allowed the "necessary latitude" were sunk.

elect Hylan to-day discussed ways and means of attacking vice conditions in the city and for the purpose of formation between the District Attorney's office and the Police Department for conducting a campaign to make the city as morally clean as their beat efforts will accomplish.

"Judge Hylan assured the District Attorney of the full cooperation of the Police Department to aid him in this work."

Judge Hylan made this state.

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The Military Revolutionary that tonnage.

Committee has ordered the internment at Kronstadt of all those who on Sunday issued a manifesto in the name of the internment. The whereabouts of the signers seemingly is not the bolshevik leaders.

British merchantmen over 1,600 tons sunk by mine or submarine 16; under 1,600 tons for the least of the signers seemingly is not the text of another alleged secret treaty, this one in regard to negations for the entry of China into the war. It refers to the suggested deferment of the Boxer payments.

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Judge Hylan made this statement:

"A note of warning is given to those gamblers and disorderly persons who cow nublic schools are reported on strike have any belated hope that they may be a result of certain steps taken by

U. S. Attaches in Russia Acted Without Instructions.

Washington, Dec. 5.—It was offi-cially declared to-day at the State De-partment that both Lieut.-Col. Judson, head of the American military porary military attache at the American Embassy, acted without instuctions from this Government in presenting communications to the Bolshevik government on the attitude of the United States in the effort to effect a separate peace and armistice with Germany.

Major Kerth's communication was protest to the Russian commander in chief against an armistice. Col. Jud-son's communication was couched in day the dynamite, thirty-six pounds in more lenient terms. The discrepancies all, was turned over to the County Sumore lenient terms. The discrepancies between the two mystified officials and it was not made clear until to-day that

tructions from Washington. smothered farms along a sixty mi The State Department to-day had no front and inundated the New York Ce. despatches from Russia. It has pre- tral tr viously been announced officially that betwee the attitude of the Government toward ports. the Bolsheviki was one of tolerancy hoping to preserve what progress has been made toward democracy in Russia rather than risk throwing the country back into the hands of an autocracy by

RUSSIANS STILL FIGHT. With the British Are Successful

in Mesopotamia. LONDON, Dec. 5.—The British official ommunication dealing with the opera-

ions in Mesopotamia says: After the action of October 20, in which we established ourselves on the Jebel Hamrin range (north of Bag-dad) and on the left bank of the Diala River, the Turks continued to hold a position in the hills and on the right bank of that river north of Bely Abbas. Gen. Marshall reports that this posi-tion was attacked on the morning of

Monday by converging columns, one of which successfully bridged the Diala near Kigil Robat.

The enemy attempted to delay our advance by flooding the area between advance by flooding the area between Nahrin and the Diala River close to their junction, but by the morning of Tuesday our troops had driven back the Turks and were in possession of the Sakai Tutan pass, through which the road from Bely Abbas leads north.

A force of Russians under command of Col. Bicharakov operated on our of Col. Bicharakov operated on our right flank and rendered valuable as-

Prisoners to the number of 105 and two field guns were captured

Rome, Dec. 5.—William K. Vandergrandfather will get that too."

"Be sure." he said, "that you put down John D. Rockefeller III. or my grandfather will get that too." law under which American women marrying allens take on an alien status is to be urged before the House Immigration Committee by Representative G. M. P. Murphy, head of the American Red Cross commission to Europe, after an examination of the work which this organisation is doing.

CONGRESS HAS Result of 40 Weeks of Ruthless U-Boat Warfare RESOLUTION TO Losses to British Shipping Alone. WAR ON AUSTRIA

Representative Flood Acts Quickly on President's Demand.

> Senate Expected to Insist Upon Including Turkey and Bulgaria.

> Special Despatch to THE BUN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- The first step by Congress toward a speedy declaration of war on Austria, asked by the President yesterday, was taken to-day when the House Foreign Affairs Committee voted unanimously to report to the House favorably a resolution for war introduced by Representative Flood (Va.), chairman of the committee. Austria's formal aherence to Germany's policy of unrestricted submarine warfare and the severance of relations with the United States by Austria are specifically named in the war resolution as making the war declaration a necessity.

The resolution introduced by Mr Flood was very slightly changed by the committee, the wording of the pre-amble only, being altered very slightly. It is almost exactly similar to the dec-laration of war on Germany. The resolution follows:

"Whereas the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian Government has severed diplomatic relations with the Government of the United States of America and has committed acts of America and has committed acts of war against the Government and the people of the United States of America, among which are its adherence to the policy of ruthless submarine warfare adopted by its ally, the Imperial Ger-man Government, with which the Gov-ernment of the United States is at war. London, Dec. 5.—Sixteen British mer-chantmen of more than 1,600 tons were sunk by mines or submarines in the nast week, according to the Admiralty

"Resolved, By the Senate and House statement to-night. One vessel under of Representatives of the United States 1,600 tons and four fishing vessels also of America in Congress assembled, that were sunk. to exist and to have existed since noon of the 5th day of December, 1917, be-tween the United States of America and the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hun-garian Government; and that the Presi-dent be and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and

week ended December 2 were one steamer of more than 1,500 tons, one under that tonnage and three small sailing vessels, it was officially announced today. Vote Expected on Friday.

As soon as the House convenes tomorrow Mr. Flood will ask unanimous consent that the resolution be taken up ahead of all other business Friday and

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 5 .- It is reported Committee, which will consider the same from Dragoer, at the southeast extremer resolution unless members of that comity of the island of Amager, that a Germittee insist on including Turkey and man auxiliary cruiser, the guardship Bulgaria. A meeting of the Foreign Botnia, was blown up after striking a Relations Committee of the Senate is set

The cruiser sank, but the number of in the Senate committee the senti-nen lost is not known, the survivors re-using to give any information. The favor of declarations of a state of war

the declaration of a state of war vith Austria is expected to take place at tonorrow's session. The more ardent roponents of declarations embracing Turkey and Bulgaria will then endeavor to have the committee take action on all three at once. There must be three separate declarations, however, al-STRACUSE. Dec. 5.—National Guardsmen believe they folled an attempt to destroy the aqueduct at Orrville by the discovery of 100 sticks of dynamite near tion of though the action in the opinion of Senwho favor extending the enuncia

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A Little Sermon for All Smokers.

WITH a contribution to THE SUN Tobacco Fund yes-"A Smoker" sent this sermonette:

"Come on, smokers! For every smoke that you have in comfort and safety, send one to the boys who are fighting for us Over There. Every time you spend money for tobacco reserve like amount and send it to THE SUN Tobacco Fund, even if you have to cut your smoking pleasure in two to do it. To bacco is impossible to procure in the trenches unless we send it to them, so come across! Our fight. ing boys deserve it; it is the least

May Peterson of the Metropolitan Opera Company enlisted yesterday for the Christmas con-17. The bill will be composed of three solo artists and the choral members of the Rubinstein Club And Vera Maxwell offered her services for the entertainment at Claridge next Wednesday night.

Beginning next Monday and continuing for thirteen days, Lou Freedman will devote 5 per cent. of the gross receipts in his popular haberdashery, 1606 Broadway, to the fund. It's a generous offer and was entirely unsolicited. Read about it on Young John also took a peep at the Red Cross tea room on the second floor and was tickled by the sight of the boys in blue and olive drab who come there by the score to dance and drink tea with the pretty Junior League girls in the Red Cross nurse's uniform.

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ALLIES MOVE TO HASTEN U. S. TROOPS TO FRONT; MAY EQUIP THEM ABROAD

gled barehanded until the Tommies ar-rived and disposed of the Germans. The engineers and their comrades took the

German rifles and worked their way

BRITISH RESCUE 50 YANKEE AND CANADIAN PRISONERS

PACIFISTS ARE SILENT Tommies Charge German Guard and Unarmed American Engineers Hurl Themselves Upon Captors-All Fight Way Back to Own Lines.

> By the Associated Press. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 4 .- The best of many exwith the Cambrai fighting was that in-volving fifty American and Canadian en-join the British line. ing troops. These men were cut off in the German turning movement near Gouzeaucourt and were taken prisoner. A German escort of twenty soldiers or more started with them along the road leading from Gouzeaucourt to Cambrai. As they were proceeding disconsolately toward the zone of the German prison cages they came upon a small body of British troops who had also has cages they came upon a small body of British troops who had also been cut off from their comrades and were wander-

their bit during the most intense part of the German counter attacks at Cambral. Not less than ten American army med-ical officers were working in the British The British Tommies immediately charged toward them. The Germans a Vacquerie, but the prisoners hurled themselves upon their guards and strug-

WILSON SPOKE

casualty stations along the Gouzeau-court front. In fact they had been la-boring there since Gen. Byng began his great offensive. **GERMANS HINT**

His Address Believed to Be Territorial Accessions Only at Only Statement Any Nation Will Make Now.

FOR ENTENTE

REPLY TO LANSDOWNE SUPREME EFFORT NEARS

Failure to Particularize on Indications of New Smashes "Territorial Indemnification" Causes Gossip.

Special Despatch to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- President Wiland the resources of the Government to be sounded democracy's sloran of vic-carry on war against the Imperial and tory first with justice and mercy after-

to go in the statement, which has now pensation in the East at the expense of facturer, such as armoment and alrabeen accepted generally as a reply to Russia, permitting Japan to get satistions, been pressing for the clarification of expense of Russia. Rikewise at the been pressing for the clarification of expense of Russia.

Some Complaint Is Heard.

ing that part of it dealing with war circles here who complained to-lay that the President had been too specific, while on the other hand complaint was heard from some at the Capitol that the President, when it came to war aims. Surprise was still expressed to-day in

certain diplomatic quarters that the President went as far as he did, considering the delicacy of the subject from a diplomatic viewpoint. Those who expressed some disappointment based this largely on the President's failure to icularize especially on such matters as 'territorial indemnification."

In the opinion of this group-and it includes some Senators whose opinions are generally respected—the matter of territorial indemnification is going to be one of the big issues of the peace nego-tiations. They would like to see this nation come out now and place its disapproval unequivocally on any territorial indemnification plan that was not clearly shown to be in furtherance of main object, namely a lasting and permanent peace.

It was suggested to-day that with the

nations of Europe so closely related to the territories which might be involved in this issue it might be left to this country as the umpire at the peace table to decide whether any proposed transfer of territory was necessary to the maintenance of such a peace. But diplomats point out that this procedure would have had its disadvantages as its advantages. It would,

they say, have impressed enemy peoples to hear that under no circumstances would there be any territorial changes or any territorial indemnity. But it undoubtedly would have aroused bitter controversial feeling in Entente coun-There is one faction in Great Britain

doubtless agrees with the latter, but he Almighty rest upon this work for peace port at their disposal, as well as the sees no necessity for precipitating a consecutive formulation of the sees no necessity for precipitating a consecutive formulation and restore the peoples of Europe to a supplies at their command, ought to be troversy between the two factions by definitely stating so. Serious factional quarrets retard war progress and are first of our enemies who are ready to the war, decided to create an interallied organization with a view to coordinate therefore to be avoided, it is explained. Likewise a definite statement concerns the commandation of th

tional library at Gotha has been de-stroyed by fire, according to reports received by Dutch newspapers.

Expense of Russia Are Now Intimated.

Both on French Front and in Italy.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 5 .- Germany's desperate son in his address yesterday is believed effort on the west front against both to have spoken for the Entente nations the British and the French lines, coupled military forces of the United States as well as for the United States when and the resources of the Government to be sounded democracy's sloran of victorys for a bid to bring about a de-Royal Austro-Hungarian Government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States and statement of war aims and as the only statement which the United States and the United States and the Congress of the United States and the United States and the Congress of the Congress of the United States and the Congress of the United States and the Congress of the Congress of the United States and th

Governments may be expected to make either now or in the near future. While man utterances, notably the Kuhlmann of man utterances, notably the Kuhlmann of man utterances, notably the Kuhlmann of man utterances. the President is known to have kept the speech, has caused in certain quarters effected. Each nation will restrict imactual contents of his address even from a feeling of relief. It is believed that the ports as much as possible so as to reactual contents of his address even from a feeling of relief it is believed that the ports as much as possible so as to relies own Cabinet, the belief is widespread enemy is feeling the way toward peace lease ships for the carrying of American here that the President was in commu- negotiations upon an entirely new basis, troops, of all other business Friday and nication with Col. House on the subject. This seems to be the idea of satisfying and that representatives of the Allies in Great Britain and France by restoring allied committee to carry out the decipation and favorably on the resolution a of the control of of just how far the President intended | many and Austria-Hungary take com-

In effect the suggestion is that Ger- which they are best fitted. many assumes that Russia, having be-trayed the Entente because it was un-But while approval of the general abie to defend itself, should be made to ence follows tenor of the address was everywhere pay everybody's bills, permitting a set-heard to-day, there developed concern-

garding the Lansdowne letter and other resolutions: greater tolerance for Mr. Asoutth. The Minister of Finance), held numerous sit former British Fremier will address the tings, in the course of which the various people of Birmingham next Monday, financial questions interesting to the Alpeople of Birmingham next Monday, people of Birmingham next Monday, the people of Birmingham next Monday, th Priday, when the fatest Government views will be announced.

He added, however, that his country would not cease fighting until its enemies renounced their intentions of dis-

mies renounced their intentions of dismembering it.

"The glorious successes of our victorious armies and the daring of our
fleet," said Emperor Charles, "fill us
with patriotic pride After a glorious defence of our position we are now, as beforce ready at any time to conclude an
honorable peacs which guarantees the
existence and integrity of the monarchy,
"Guided by this idea we greeted with
joyful satisfaction the noble minded into the production of their various
and directing the effort of each nation
to the production of the things for which Joyful satisfaction the noble minded in-tervention of the Pope and will in the it was best fitted in matters of first imfuture neglect no epportunity to end as portunce. An interallied committee was soon as possible the costly struggle and formed for carrying out the cogreat sacrifice the war has caused and programmes and decisions were arrived is causing.

"In the spirit of these intentions our There is one faction in Great Britain that wants German colonies taken over as one price for the German crime to accept the Russian Government's inagainst civilization. There is another faction that does not. The President general peace. May the blessings of the cring that the means of maritime Vansachuse. Likewise a definite statement concerning refusal to sanction italy's territorial aspirations would be certain to arouse bitter controversy in Italy. It is pointed out that Italy now needs above all else unity and maximum strength, and that it would be poor strategy to precipitate needless internal dissension over the effects of a victory not yet won.

German National Library Burns.

Amsterdam, Dec 5.—The German national library at Gotha has been de-

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British and French Industries to Relieve Shipping Congestion.

QUICK ACTION VITAL

Transportation Delays Are Feared as Jeopardizing Our Forces.

UNITY PLAN EXPLAINED

Each Nation Will Produce What It Is Best Fitted to Furnish.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEN. LONDON, Dec. 5 .- The correspondent inderstands that the important feature

question to what extent it would be advisable to supply the American army n Europe from the allied factories and furnaces in Great Britain and France. It is obvious that many supplies can e provided here more expeditiously than they can be transported across the ocean. Indeed, the correspondent has been told it is estimated that, with many supplies drawn from this side, the United States Government could furnish its troops on the fighting line with almost double the promptness that otherwise could be obtained. The correspondent cannot youch for the exact accuracy of this estimate, but it is obvious that the main requirements for the fight-

that the main requirements for the fighting army are urgent and are of such a nature that any delay in a critical hour might threaten serious disaster. It is a big, complicated problem which, it is said, has been discussed amicably

in Paris and the discussion may result in some approximate agreement being reached. The problem which is pressing for a solution is quick action about this, which is now expected. When it is remem-bered that a few millions or more persons are engaged in Great Britain in the production of munitions, one can realize the value of coordination sug-gested by the extra problem involved.

UNITY PLAN OUTLINED.

Scope of Work Accomplished a Conference. Paris, Dec. 5 .- The United States will

An international organization to co-ordinate transport facilities also will be

The conference provided for an interaction in the production of war manu-

Text of Statement. The statement issued by the confer-

all countries other than Russia.

The emphatic suggestion of German whole with the technical question of the war, the details of which publicists that they are looking to the cannot be published. However, at the East for a settlement of the war is beconclusion of their deliberations the committees decided to publish the following proposals involving the statement of war "The fluencial section, meeting under aims there seems to be a feeling of the presidency of Louis Klotz (French

tions:
"The delegates of the allied Powers "The delegates of the allied Powers "The delegates of the allied Powers". AUSTRIA IS READY.

AUSTRIA IS READY.

Semperor Charles Asks Only Guar
Emperor Charles Asks Only Guar-

antee of Monarchy's Integrity.

tion:

"Oscar T. Crosby (Assistant Secretary of the United AMSTERDAM, Dec 5.—A despatch from Vienna quotes Emperor Charles of tary of the Treasury of the United Austria-Hungary as saying in an address to an Austro-German delegation that in their opinion this regular meeting time to conclude a leace that would time to conclude a leace that would be integrity of the monarchy.

strengthened by the victorrous march land was approved, and the United southwest. The most cordial and fra- States will appoint delegates to take part in the deliberations of the perma-